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* Attention *

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* The Annual Meeting of the Archaeological *

* Society of N. C. will be held in Greensboro, N. C. on *

* October 5, 1963. Send papers to Joffre Coe by September *

* 1st. Plan now to attend. *

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* The Annual Meeting of the Eastern States *

* Archaeological Federation will be held in Philadelphia, *

* Pennsylvania on November 9 and 10. More later. *

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Upper Cape Fear Chapter

Monthly meetings were held by the Upper Cape Fear Chapter for the period February-July of 1962 which constituted the second half-year of the organization.

Cameron Mound in Harnett County was the subject of the February meeting held in Fayetteville. Robert Ganis of Southern Pines reported on work on the mound by Charles Macauley in the late 1920's. Some local legends pertaining to the mound and its origin were related by Malcolm Fowler of Lillington who also reported on some digging he had done in the Mound years ago. Jerry Jernigan of Dunn showed slides of his recent test-digging in part of the mound.

Bennie Keel gave an illustrated talk on his work at Town Creek at the March meeting held at Aberdeen.

The April Meeting was held at Fayetteville. Lt. Colonel MacCord gave a talk entitled "North Carolina before 1700". Further the chapter was informed of the eventual loss of the Elliot Site near Linden in northern Cumberland County due to commercial sand digging. Plans were formulated to investigate the feasibility of doing some test and salvage digging at the site.

The speaker at the May meeting held in Sanford was Dr. Joffre L. Coe who spoke on the sequence of human culture in the southeastern United States since about 10,000 B. C. relating this to North Carolina Archaeology.

A test trench 5 feet wide and 35 feet long was excavated at the Elliot site on June 3rd. Numerous stone and ceramic artifacts, including a cache of quarry blades, were uncovered at depths up to 18 inches. The artifacts were kept separate by depth and location so that cultural sequences could be determined. The site yielded material from each cultural period from Guilford to Late Woodland types.

In addition to the field trip, the regular June meeting was held at Fayetteville. An archaeology enthusiast and active member of the Moore County Rockhound Club, John C. Frye of West End showed numerous specimens of minerals and stones used by the Indians and presented many mineralogical facts about the stones.

The archaeologist at Old Brunswick town, Stanley South, was guest speaker at the July meeting. He described his work at Town Creek, in the Gaston Dam area, and at Brunswick.

At the end of July, Chapter membership was as follows:

Active members	23
Family members	5
Junior members	<u>8</u>
TOTAL	36

The Chapter suffered a great loss on July 22 in the sudden death of Alexander McArtan of Linden who had been quite active for years in studying the history and prehistory of the Linden area.

Western Carolina Chapter

Last year the Western Carolina Chapter members made a weekend field trip in April to a former Cherokee town on the Hiwassee River known as Spikebuck Town. Artifacts assigned to the Cherokee culture were found.

In May the members went to Transylvania County where they inspected Indian paintings at a rock shelter on the East Fork of the French Broad River.

C. R. Harwood, chairman of the chapter, reported that plans for a November meeting and subsequent winter months were in the making.

(Since the above report, this chapter has disbanded.)

Tar River Chapter

The Tar River Chapter meets quarterly at the Rocky Mount Children's Museum. Speakers for last year were Bennie Keel, resident archaeologist at Town Creek Indian Mound, who explained site restoration; Billy Diehl, a member of the chapter, who illustrated his talk with maps and displayed his collection; Joffre Coe who gave the sequence of culture in the southeastern states; and Al Honeycutt who described his experiences as historic sites specialist at Fort Fisher.

The chapter issues an occasional newsletter and professional paper.

Catawba Chapter

At the present time the "Catawba Chapter" has still not complied with the Society's policies and is therefore nonexistent. It is hoped that it may be satisfactorily organized in the near future.

Reports have not been received from the Neuse River Chapter or from the Triangle Chapter.

EASTERN STATES ARCHEOLOGICAL FEDERATION

REQUEST FOR

PAPERS FOR THE 1963 ANNUAL MEETING

The 1963 annual meeting of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 9 and 10, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Papers will be accepted for this meeting in all of the fields covered by the Federation, including archeology, ethnology, anthropology, and Indian history.

Each potential contributor is requested to submit to the Program Chairman as soon as possible the information listed below.

- A. Title of paper and author.
- B. Illustrated or not (35 mm. slides will be assumed unless otherwise stated).
- C. Type of site, its context and cultural period.
- D. Any important or unusual pertinent facts which are known at this time i.e., sufficient information to enable the Program Committee to analyze the proposed paper for its inclusion in the program.
- E. Is exhibit space desired, how much?
- F. Papers will be accepted with the understanding that abstracts, no longer than two double-spaced typewritten pages, suitable for publication in the ESAF Bulletin, shall be sent to the Program Chairman by OCTOBER 25, 1963.

The above data should be submitted to the Program Chairman, T. Latimer Ford, 1906 Ruxton Road, Ruxton 4, Maryland. They must reach him by SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, to ensure consideration by the Program Committee.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

As a member of a regional archaeological society, you are well aware that the prehistoric Indian cultures did not respect present state boundaries. In fact, increasingly broader connections are being demonstrated between distant areas of the New World and between the continents as research progresses. To keep abreast of the broadening horizons of New World archaeology we suggest that you join the Society for American Archaeology.

The Society for American Archaeology is not simply a professional organization. It was specifically intended, as is stated in its constitution, ".... to serve as a bond among those interested in American Archaeology, both professionals and non-professionals." Its major activity is the publication of the results of archaeological investigations and members receive without further charge the following:

(1) a quarterly journal, American Antiquity, containing over 600 pages of abundantly illustrated articles and reviews on all phases of New World prehistory;

(2) Abstracts of New World Archaeology, an annual publication listing and abstracting articles and books in all media pertaining to New World archaeology; and,

(3) occasional Memoirs issued intermittently (but our Editor, Dr. T. N. Campbell, has promised several for the coming year.)

All of these are provided to our members for their annual dues of \$8.00 per year. To be perfectly fair, our dues will be raised to \$10.00 per year after the present year. But this is the year to join the Society and give it a trial at the present low rate. This is also the time to join since the first number of the new volume of American Antiquity appears in July. For your convenience, a copy of our application blank for membership is reproduced below. Fill out the blank and send it with your check or money order for \$8.00 to our secretary, Dr. Joe Ben Wheat, University of Colorado Museum, Boulder, Colorado. As a preview of some of the contents of forthcoming numbers in the new volume of American Antiquity, our editor has provided us with some of the authors and titles of articles which are listed below:

FORTHCOMING ARTICLES - AMERICAN ANTIQUITY

Waldo R. Wedel: The High Plains and Their Utilization by the Indian
Robert W. Neuman: Check-stamped Pottery on the Northern and Central Plains.
Donald W. Lathrap and Lawrence Roys: The Archeology of the Cave of
the Owls in the Upper Montaña of Peru.
Meredith Black and Charles E. Eyman: The Union Lake Skull, a Possible
Early Indian Find in Michigan.
Elizabeth C. Weaver: Technological Analysis of Prehistoric Lower
Mississippi Ceramic Materials: A Preliminary Report.
William J. Mayer-Oakes: Complex Society Archaeology.

- Paul H. Ezell: Is There a Hohokam-Pima Culture Continuum?
Paul S. Martin: Early Man in Arizona: the Pollen Evidence.
Calvin J. Heusser: Postglacial Palynology and Archaeology in the Naknek River Drainage Area, Alaska.
E. Creutz and J. Moriarty: Inferences on Use Position of San Dieguito Percussion-flaked Artifacts.
Florence Hawley Ellis and J. J. Brody: Ceramic Stratigraphy at Taos Pueblos.
Stephen C. Jett: Pueblo Indian Migrations: An Evaluation of the Possible Physical and Cultural Determinants.
Edwin N. Wilmsen: Flake Tools in the American Arctic: Some Speculations.
Donald W. Lathrap: An Alternative Seriation of the Mahabura Phase, Northwestern British Guiana.
Alan Lyle Bryan and Ruth Gruhn: Problems Relating to the Neothermal Climatic Sequence.
David Gebhard, George Agogino, and Vance Haynes: Horned Owl Cave, Wyoming.
Lewis R. Binford: A Consideration of Archaeological Research Design.
René Millon: The Teotihuacán Mapping Project.
John H. Chilcote and James J. Deetz: The Construction and Uses of a Laboratory Archaeological Site.

The Society for American Archaeology will meet in Chapel Hill on May 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1964. All members of the North Carolina Archaeological Society are invited to attend the meetings. The program will be mailed at a later date.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

I, _____, hereby apply for membership in the Society for American Archaeology and enclose \$8.00 as my annual membership dues for the fiscal year _____ beginning Apr. 1st, \$7.00 of which is for a subscription to the journal, American Antiquity, for one year.

Occupation _____

Archaeological interest _____

"The objects of the Society shall be to promote and to stimulate interest and research in the archaeology of the American continents; to encourage a more rational public appreciation of the aims and limitations of archaeological research; to serve as a bond among those interested in American archaeology, both professionals and non-professionals, and to aid in directing their efforts into more scientific channels; to publish and to encourage the publication of their results; to foster the formation and welfare of local archaeological societies; to advocate and to aid in the conservation of archaeological data; and to discourage commercialism in the archaeological field and to work for its elimination."

Art. II, Sect. 1, Constitution.

I am in sympathy with and hereby subscribe to the ideals and objects of the Society.

Signature _____

Address _____

Date _____

Dues must accompany application (\$8.00 annually; Benefactor, \$500.00). Make checks or money orders payable to The Society for American Archaeology and mail to the Secretary. Remittances must be in United States currency or equivalent.

Mail completed blank, together with \$8.00, to Dr. Joe Ben Wheat
University of Colorado Museum
Boulder, Colorado